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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN US IN FEBRUARY 1981

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON FILED 57 NOTES AND 8 AMENDMENTS IN FEBRUARY, COVERING TRAVEL BY 77 OFFICIALS AND 26 DEPENDENTS. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO SHORTAGE OF TRAVEL MONEY AS FAR AS THE SUBJECTS ARE CONCERNED. 49 OF THE NOTES (ALL OPEN AREA) WERE APPROVED, 1 NOTE COVERING BOTH OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS IN CALIFORNIA WAS ALTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO EXCLUDE THE CLOSED AREA, AND 7 REQUESTS FOR CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS WERE DENIED.

3. SOVIET CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO FILED SEVEN NOTES FOR EIGHT OFFICIALS AND 6 DEPENDENTS. FOUR WERE APPROVED, TWO WERE DENIED BECAUSE OF CLOSED AREAS, AND ONE WAS ALTERED TO DELETE A CLOSED AREA PORTION. NO EXCEPTIONS WERE GRANTED.

4. FOR INTOURIST PERSONNEL, FROM A TOTAL OF FIVE NOTES, TWO OPEN AREA REQUESTS WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED, TWO WERE DENIED ON THE BASIS OF CLOSED AREAS, AND ONE WAS ALTERED TO A DIFFERENT MODE OF TRAVEL (TRAIN RATHER THAN BUS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES) TO ENSURE THAT TRAVEL CONFORMED WITH DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF JULY 26, 1987, REGARDING TRANSIT OF CLOSED AREAS.

5. FOR AEROFLOT PERSONNEL, OF FOUR NOTES, THREE WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED FOR OPEN AREAS, AND ONE CLOSED AREA REQUEST WAS DENIED.

6. SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS FILED 17 TRAVEL REQUESTS TO OPEN AREAS. ALL APPROVED. STOESSEL

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